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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated 20 May 2004, please amend the above-identified application as shown herein. Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2. Remarks begin on Page 5.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

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A proxy brush is used to clean the spaces between the teeth when flossing can't clean completely -- e.g., around braces, the base of crowns, tight spaces, and/or crevices at the base of the tooth. In a preferred embodiment, the traditional proxy bristles (cylindrical with rounded tips) are replaced with a ribbed and grooved bristle as taught in the specification.

EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION

The initial response deadline for this filing was 20 August 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of that date, making the new deadline 20 September 2004.

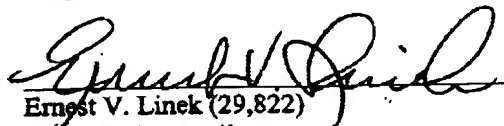
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